REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the present application. Claims 1 and 11 are the only

independent claims.

Double-patenting rejection

In the Office Action, claims 1-6 and 11-16 are provisionally rejected under the doctrine of

obviousness-type double-patenting as unpatentable over claims 1-6 of co-pending application

published as US2007/0113545, i.e., U.S. Appl. No. 11/595,822, now U.S. Patent No. 7343737

("the '737 patent").

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested. A Terminal

Disclaimer over the corresponding U.S. patent was submitted with the response to the previous

Office Action on June 23, 2008.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the invention as presently claimed is patentable. It is believed that the claims

are in allowable condition and a notice to that effect is earnestly requested.

In the event there is, in the Examiner's opinion, any outstanding issue and such issue may

be resolved by means of a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact

the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants hereby petition

for an appropriate extension of the response period. Please charge the fee for such extension and

any other fees which may be required to our Deposit Account No. <u>502759</u>.

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